

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 17, 2002
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRI BRIERE; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; PAUL KUSAKABE, Fiscal Services Director; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON and COMMANDER CURTIS SMALLING, Police Department.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2002 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * The Renton float, featuring elements of a Farmers Market, participated in the Marysville Strawberry Festival Parade this past Saturday and was awarded the "Shortcake Award" in the float category.
- * On Friday, June 21st, the community will celebrate the construction of the Renton Community IKEA Performing Arts Center. With the help of several dignitaries and some well-known alumni of Renton High School, an original cornerstone from the 1911 high school will be placed into the foundation of the new building.
- * More than 200 people attended the annual Special Populations Spring Awards Banquet on Thursday, June 13th, to celebrate the commitment and success of the special athletes, coaches, and volunteers.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: Holbrook –
Dragon Boat Race, City
Participation Request

City of Covington Mayor Julie Holbrook, 15651 SE 265th St., Covington, 98042, challenged the City of Renton to organize a team of paddlers to participate in the Kent Cornucopia Days Dragon Boat Races to be held at Lake Meridian on Saturday, July 13th. Describing the many activities that will take place that day, Mayor Holbrook stated that the proceeds from the races will go towards causes supported by the Kent Lions Club.

Mayor Tanner provided Mayor Holbrook with a City staff contact who will determine whether the City is able to take on the challenge.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Meeting Minutes of
June 10, 2002

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Approval of Council meeting minutes of June 10, 2002. Council concur.

CAG: 02-077, 2002 Street
Overlay, ICON Materials

City Clerk reported bid opening on 6/12/2002 for CAG-02-077, 2002 Street Overlay; four bids; engineer's estimate \$870,863.97; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, ICON Materials, in the amount of \$828,375.39. Council concur.

Community Services: Downtown Parking Garage Inspection & Testing Services, Cascade Testing Laboratory	Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract with Cascade Testing Laboratory, Inc. for inspection and testing services for the Downtown Parking Garage project in an amount not to exceed \$51,232.20. Council concur.
Finance: Bond Issuance, Fire Station #12 Construction	Finance and Information Services Department requested approval of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$3,800,000 for the design and construction of Fire Station #12. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Finance: Bond Issuance, Water & Sewer Projects	Finance and Information Services Department requested approval of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds in the amount of \$12,150,000 for construction of various water, sewer, and storm water utility projects; and to refinance existing debt. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
City Clerk: AT&T Broadband & Comcast Corporation Cable TV Franchise Merger	Legal Division recommended approving the merger of the existing cable television franchise between AT&T Broadband and Comcast Corporation. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Transportation: Citywide Walkway Study, Transportation Planning & Engineering	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a contract with Transportation Planning & Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$60,000 to conduct a Citywide Comprehensive Walkway Study. Refer to <u>Transportation (Aviation) Committee</u> .
Airport: Security Gate Replacement, Fund Appropriation	Transportation Systems Division requested authorization to use \$200,000 from the Airside/Landside Separation Improvement Program for the Renton Municipal Airport Gate and Security Fencing Project. Refer to <u>Transportation (Aviation) Committee</u> .
Streets: Temporary Closures for Railroad Grade Crossing Reconstruction	Transportation Systems Division requested authorization for the temporary closure of SW 7th St., Lind Ave. SW, and Mill Ave. S. for a period of seven days (consecutive or non-consecutive) between July 10 and September 30, 2002, for Burlington Northern Santa Fe to replace six existing railroad crossings. Refer to <u>Transportation (Aviation) Committee</u> .
Transportation: Six-Year TIP (2003-2008)	Transportation Systems Division submitted the annual update of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Refer the TIP to the <u>Transportation (Aviation) Committee</u> ; set a public hearing on 7/1/2002 to consider the TIP.
<p>Added CORRESPONDENCE Citizen Comment: Various – Whitworth Ave S Vacation, St. Anthony Church (VAC-00- 003)</p>	
<p>MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.</p> <p>The following correspondence was read into the record in support of the Whitworth Ave. S. street vacation request by St. Anthony Parish (VAC-00-003): John & Annette Hightower, 3903 NE 11th Ct., Renton, 98056; Eric & Tracy Hajek, 10405 SE 187th Pl., Renton, 98055; George & Sylvia Miller, 3901 Meadow Ave. N., Renton, 98056; Wema Fairhart Slyter, 23424 134th Lane SE, Kent, 98042; four form letters received from parents of students at St. Anthony School; and 348 form letters received from parishioners of St. Anthony Parish. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THE CORRESPONDENCE TO <u>PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</u>. CARRIED.</p>	

OLD BUSINESS**Community Services****Committee**

Community Services: Gene
Coulon Park Playground
Equipment Supply, Northwest
Playground Equipment

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the play equipment and surfacing material purchase contract with Northwest Playground Equipment, Inc. for a total of \$117,490. (This is a revised amount from \$117,472 - an increase of \$18.) The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute this agreement. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Stating that Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park hours of operation may need changing as a result of upcoming plans to connect the park to the Southport development, it was MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THE REVIEW OF GENE COULON MEMORIAL BEACH PARK REGULATIONS DUE TO FUTURE CONNECTION TO THE SOUTHPORT DEVELOPMENT TO THE PARK BOARD. CARRIED.

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 205052 - 205299 and one wire transfer totaling \$1,164,682.17. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

CAG: 02-072, Police Evidence
Steel Building, CHG Building
Systems

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the contractor selection for the Police Vehicle Evidence Building. The Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with CHG Building Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$119,300 to purchase and erect a steel prefabricated building to contain police evidence, which will be located south of the City facility shops. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Explaining that the new building will be used for the storage of motor vehicles that have been involved in crimes, Councilman Clawson stated that the City is currently paying to have the vehicles stored.

Utilities Committee

Utility: Green River Flood
Control Zone District Interlocal
Agreement

Utilities Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the interlocal agreement with the cities of Auburn, Kent, Renton, Tukwila, and King County for the administration of the Green River Flood Control Zone District. The Committee recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the interlocal agreement. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for resolution.)

**ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS****Resolution #3574**

Utility: Green River Flood
Control Zone District Interlocal
Agreement

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the interlocal agreement for the Green River Flood Control Zone District. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/24/2002 for second and final reading:

Budget: 2002 Amendment,
Additional Police & Fire
Department Positions

An ordinance was read adding the positions of Crime Analyst, Evidence Technician, and a Commissioned Officer to the Police Department, and a Secretary 1 to the Fire Department, effective July 1, 2002, and authorizing the increased Budget appropriation of \$145,821. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/24/2002. CARRIED.**

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Development Services: Permit
Review Process, 120-Day Goal
Exemptions

At the request of Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler, the ordinance regarding the 120-day permit review process was removed for further review.

Ordinance #4972

Finance: Utility Tax, Cable
Modem Services Clarification,
City Code Amend

An ordinance was read adding a new Section, 5-11-1.I, to Chapter 11, Utility Tax, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code which includes cable modem service as a utility subject to the utility tax. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

Councilman Clawson pointed out that this is a tax on the cable modem services provider and not on the consumer.

Ordinance #4973

Budget: 2002 Amendment,
Swimming Pool

An ordinance was read amending the 2002 Budget for the expressed purpose of building a swimming pool, creating a new construction fund, and appropriating the necessary funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the construction. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

Responding to Councilman Corman's inquiry regarding the possibility of installing the swimming pool by the next swimming season, Mayor Tanner stated that the City will make its best effort to complete the swimming pool by then.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Services: Farmers
Market

Council President Nelson encouraged everyone to attend the new Renton Farmers Market which debuts June 18th at the Piazza, Renton's downtown park located at S. 3rd St. and Burnett Ave. S. The Farmers Market, which runs through September 3rd on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., will feature Washington-grown produce, cut flowers, and other fresh natural food products.

Councilman Corman praised Council President Nelson for her efforts in helping to bring the Farmers Market to fruition.

School District: Home School
Enrichment Program

Councilman Corman stated that he attended a graduation ceremony for the first graduate of the Renton School District's home school enrichment program, and he commended the district for establishing this type of program which is financed by the students' share of State funding.

Transportation: NE 3rd/4th Sts
Traffic Hazard, City Transfer
Trucks Unsafe Use of Street

Councilman Persson requested that staff investigate the unsafe use of Cemetery Rd. (NE 3rd and 4th Streets) by City Transfer trucks that are hauling items for the Liberty Ridge development project and are cutting off motorists when they turn at the bottom of the hill.

Streets: Grocery Cart
Abandonment

Councilman Persson reported on the number of abandoned grocery carts he has noticed around the City, and asked City staff to research whether the City can adopt an ordinance to aid private property owners in the removal of the carts from their property. Mayor Tanner requested that the City Attorney research

the possibility of making this a fineable offense to charge the stores for not picking up the carts since they are ultimately responsible for them.

King County: 2003
Comprehensive Plan
Amendments

Stating that King County is in the process of accepting amendments to its Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations which are due by September 30th for the 2003 amendment process, it was MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE REVIEW OF THE KING COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2003 AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Police: St. Anthony Parish
Parking Problems, Food
Venders (Possibly Illegal)

Councilman Clawson reported receipt of a citizen complaint regarding the blockage of the alley next to Smithers Ave. S. by cars during church services at St. Anthony Parish. In addition, the complainant noted that venders are selling food out of the back of a truck near the parish and are parking on the sidewalk. Mr. Clawson requested investigation of these complaints.

Greg McNabb, St. Anthony Parish Administrator, 1507 32nd Ave., Seattle, 98122, reported that the parish has had difficulty with a family selling food out of their vehicle on Sunday evenings. Mr. McNabb was advised to call the police the next time this occurs.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN.
CARRIED. Time: 8:13 p.m.



BONNIE I. WALTON, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
June 17, 2002